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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Overseas Covert Passenger-Carrying Vehicles

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1. On 30 September 1952, the Agency will have approximately [redacted] covert passenger-carrying vehicles at overseas stations or on hand awaiting shipment overseas, exclusive of an unknown number of additional vehicles which were not obtained through the Procurement and Supply Office.

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2. We will have approximately [redacted] people overseas, exclusive of contract and indigenous personnel.

3. This situation raises a question as to whether our requirements are realistic and whether we are vulnerable to congressional or other criticism. It is, therefore, requested that a complete report on the status of covert passenger-carrying vehicles overseas, to include justifications, be made at the earliest practicable date. Each justification should include the purpose and present use of the vehicle, and the name and title of the person using the vehicle if it is operated and registered as quasi-personal. Those automobiles which are used by contract and indigenous personnel should be indicated.

4. The Procurement and Supply Office is charged with maintaining vehicle inventories and is, in general, in a position to inform the operating divisions as to the types and quantities of vehicles on hand and assigned to projects and/or stations. However, in some areas vehicles have been obtained without the knowledge of the Procurement and Supply Office and, as a result, complete physical inventories will have to be made at these stations. It is, therefore, recommended that the Procurement and Supply Office be consulted prior to requesting inventories from field stations.

5. I have directed that no additional funds be transferred to the General Services Administration for the procurement of motor vehicles, pending receipt of the report requested herein. Since lead time on vehicles purchased is approximately five months, it is important that we conduct this inventory and forecast our requirements with realism as soon as possible.

/s/
WALTER REID WOLF
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